# MINUTES

Of The
One Hundred Sixty-Third
Annual Session

OF THE

## ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HOSTED BY

## PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

Marshville, North Carolina

September 15, 16, 17

## 1995

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*Proceedings*

**Of The 163rd Annual Session Of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association**

**Friday, September 15, 1995**

This session was hosted by Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist Church. The association met at the Agri-Civic Center, Albemarle, North Carolina at 10:30 a.m. and joined in songs of praise after which Elder Rom Kerley led in prayer and Elder Joe C. Helms, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church preached the introductory sermon using for a text John 10:14-16.

After a break for refreshments and fellowship, the association opened with prayer and convened for business. Elder Joe C. Helms, served as moderator, Brother Clayton Griffin served as clerk and Brother Ken Austin was called to serve as assistant clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches which were read by Elder E. W. Hooven and Elder Newell Helms and their status noted:

PLEASANT GROVE: Represented by entire membership.

UNION GROVE: Brethren Carl Haigler, Wade Taylor, Ernest Baucom and C. W. Helms.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Jerry Vanhoy, Tim Huneycutt, Mike Carter and Sherrill Vanhoy.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Brethren Ronnie Edwards, Teddie Stewart, Charles Helms and Ronnie Whitley.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Jerry Honeycutt, Maurice Broadway, W. T. Broadway and Steve Hinson.

HIGH POINT: Brethren Edward Willard, Ted Myers, David Dix and Don Bowman.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Bill Allmon, Gene Herrin, Howard Collins and Jerry Carpenter.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Reid Hunt, Grayson Auman, Barry Cole and Garry Robinson.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Don Broome, Edward Pressley, Howard Edwards and Randall Helms.

PARK VIEW: Brethren John Brooks, Scott Bullard, Mike Lester and David Hart.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Reece Eury, Vernon Medlin, Edgar Medlin and Eldridge Furr.

BETHEL: Brethren Robert Turner, Mason Anderson, Douglas McLamb and Charles Gore.

CORINTH: Brethren Ken Putman, Jim Briscoe, Tom Robinson and Jennings Hough.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren Joe Allman, Warren Griffin, Reed Shue and Wayne Efird.

NEW HOPE: Brethren C. R. Smith and Edsel Thomas, Sister Frances Thomas.

3. Called for petitionary letters: A letter was received from Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church along with messengers asking for membership in the association. After some discussion Bear Creek Church was received by move, second and unanimous vote of the messengers.

4. The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance and appointed the following:

PREACHING COMMITTEE: Elder Rommie Williams, Elder Roy Speir, Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Carl Haigler, Clayton Griffin, Edsel Thomas, David Dix and Barry Cole.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Elder Rom Kerley, Elder Larry Austin, Elder Steve Nichols, Brethren Parks Mullis, Warren Griffin, Orlin Stewart, Reece Eury and Ed Pressley.

5. Called for presbytery reports:

In compliance with a request from Park View Primitive Baptist Church for ordained help to set aside Brother Steve Nichols to the full work of the gospel ministry, the following met on October 14, 1994:

ELDERS: Roy Speir, Milton Gunter, Rommie Williams, Joe C. Helms, Paul Stroupe, Rom Kerley, Bob Dickerson, Vance Jones, Kemp Walker, Larry Austin, Dwayne Hooven, Wayne Gibbons, John Draper, Eugene Bennett and J. A. Langham along with a large number of deacons.

At the request of Corinth Primitive Church the following Elders and deacons met on February 10, 1995 to ordain Brother Kenneth Putman to the office of deacon:

ELDERS: Richard Kirby, Roy Speir, Rom Kerley, Rommie Williams and Newell Helms.

DEACONS: Phillip Brafford, Jim Briscoe, Edward Pressley, Dennis Pressley, David Dix, Orlin Stewart, Randy Williams, Warren Griffin, Lane Vanhoy, Tom Vanhoy, Parks Mullis, Clayton Griffin, R. W. Knight, Carl Haigler, Barry Helms and Ken Austin.

In response to a call from Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church the following Elders and deacons met on May 19, 1995 to ordain Brother Grayson Auman to the office of deacon:

ELDERS: Richard Cox, Rommie Williams, Rom Kerley, Richard Kirby, Steve Nichols, Joe Helms and Roy Speir.

DEACONS: Randy Williams, Warren Griffin, Clayton Griffin, Carl Haigler, R. W. Knight, Parks Mullis, Truby High, Wilson Greene, Burin Medlin, Gradon Helms, Vernon Medlin, Kim Honeycutt, Orlin Stewart, Barry Cole, E. L. Willard, Thomas H. Bouldin, David Dix, Eugene Herrin, Joe Robinson, Lane Vanhoy, J. Ashburn Williams, W. A. Williams, Ted Myers, Garry Robinson, Edward Pressley, Tom Vanhoy, David Anderson, Walter Almond and Ken Austin.

6. Called for visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder Tony Parker, Elder Fred Williams, Elder Sexton Pope, Elder Worth Stephenson, Brother J. L. Pollard, Brother & Sister Herbert Williams, Brother & Sister Keith Williams, Brother Harvey Thorne, Brother & Sister Donald Parker, Brother Kenneth Stephenson, Brother & Sister Dwight Roberts, Brother Odell Williams, Brother & Sister James Roberts.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: Brother & Sister Joel Ragan.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Minutes.

TENNESSEE- NOLACHUCKY: Elder & Sister James Cooper, Sister Glenda Disney, Sister Lurena Disney.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY: Elder Kenneth Robbins, Elder Steve Greene, Elder Noel Lee, Brother Glen Hamby, Sister Elmo Lakins, Sister Elizabeth Wilmoth, Brother & Sister Clinton Ritter, Brother Zirkle Johnston, Brother Lawrence Ritter, Brother Brian Harrell, Sister Anna Lee Harrell, Brother Melvin Harrell, Sister Celeste Ravlerson, Sister Harold Tipton, Brother & Sister Dewey Hembree.

MT ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Coy Brothers, Elder Gary Cordes.

SOUTH ARKANSAS: Minutes.

7. Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence and gladly received the following:

EBENEZER FELLOWSHIP (GA): Elder Rubert Nobles, Sr., Elder Franklin Bryant.

OCHLOCKNEE ASSOCIATION (FL): Elder & Sister C. A. Blanton, Elder Joseph Hayes.

PREDESTINARIAN ASSOCIATION (TN): Elder Elmer Weaver.

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION (MS): Elder Cecil Woodruff.

NORTH FLORIDA FELLOWSHIP: Elder & Sister Herman Jordan, Elder Kenneth Crawford.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION (WV): Elder Franklin Oresta.

KETOCTON ASSOCIATION (VA): Elder Toliver Utz.

LOWER WETUMPKA ASSOCIATION (AL): Elder Arthur Beckett, Lic. Jonathan Blakeley, Sister Chita Blakeley.

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Gene Watson.

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter, Brother & Sister John Dillon, Brother & Sister Rufus Bullins, Sister Elaine Via, Brother & Sister Grover Roark.

HAMILTON CHURCH (OH): Elder & Sister Frank Smith.

LITTLE CREEK CHURCH (SC): Elder Charles Crapse.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH: Elder Johnnie Duggins.

COMMUNITY CHURCH (VA): Brother & Sister O'Bain Hylton.

EBENEZER CHURCH: Brother & Sister Jack Carter.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH (AL): Brother Mike Mitchell.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, (SC): Elder & Sister Terrell Harvey.

COLUMBIA CHURCH, (MD): Sister Treva Mattia.

HERRIN'S GROVE CHURCH: Elder Charles Broadway.

PINE CHURCH: Brother & Sister Clarence Brown.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows: (It is understood that any member of our association may represent us at any association).

## CHURCHES MEETING TIMES

BEAR CREEK: 2nd Sunday and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday of even number months, minister by invitation.

BETHEL: 1st Sunday morning, Elder Austin; 2nd Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning, minister by invitation; 4th Sunday morning,, Pastor

CORINTH: 1st Sunday morning. Elder Williams; 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor.

CROOKED CREEK: 2nd Sunday night, Elder Rom Kerley; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

HIGH HILL: 1st Sunday morning, Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday morning, Elder D. Hooven; 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

LAWYER'S SPRING: lst Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Williams.

LIBERTY HILL: 1st Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 2nd Sunday morning, Elder Austin.

MEADOW CREEK: lst Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Newell Helms, 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MILLS CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before; 4th Sunday morning, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning. Elder Williams

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday morning, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder Joe Helms.

PARK VIEW: lst Sunday morning, 2nd Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 3rd Sunday morning, Elder Kerley.

PLEASANT HILL: 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor.

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday morning and Saturday night before, Pastor; 4th Sunday morning, Elder E. W. Hooven.

## CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BEAR CREEK: David Anderson, 23136 Burris Rd., Albemarle, NC 28001

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HIGH POINT: Lindsey Allen, Rt. 12, Box 227, Winston-Salem NC 27107

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PARK VIEW: Elwood Ashby, 4175 Grubbs Road, Walkertown, NC 27051

PLEASANT GROVE: Clayton Griffin, 4740 Hwy. 205, Marshville, NC 28103

PLEASANT HILL: Allen Copple, Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203

UNION GROVE: Ken Austin, 3930 Old Camden Rd., Monroe, NC 28110

## CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the precious, faithful children of God who are preserved in Jesus Christ: Mercy unto you and peace be multiplied.

By the grace and mercy of God our Saviour we have been blessed with health and strength to meet together to hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We feel to be blessed above measure to have had such wonderful fellowship with each one who has attended this year's meeting. We thank our Lord Christ that the preaching Elders have been blessed by the Holy Spirit to preach the unsearchable riches of our Lord Jesus.

In our day when once again the winds of change blow strong against the old Church, we bow our knees and thank our God that there is still a remnant of God's people who still contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

It is our prayer to God that by His grace we will leave clear and definable foot prints in the old paths for those who are to follow. May it be said by those who follow that our generation did not bow to winds of change, but did, in fact, contend for the faith and the truth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In gospel bonds,
Elder E. W. Hooven

## ORDER OF SERVICES

**Friday morning**

Prayer: Elder Rom Kerley

Elder Joe C. Helms- John 10:14-16

Prayer: Elder Richard Kirby

**Friday afternoon**

Prayer: Elder Johnnie Duggins

Elder Franklin Oresta - Eph. 3:1-5

Elder Milton Gunter - Matt. 16:13

Elder Frank Smith - Rom. 1:17

Prayer: Elder Noel Lee

**Friday night (Civic Center)**

Prayer: Elder A. L. Beckett

Elder Coy Brothers - Luke 22:19-20

Elder Steve Greene - Eph. 6:10-1 1

Elder Franklin Bryant - Eph. 5: 18

Prayer: Elder Rubert Nobles

**Friday night (High Hill Church)**

Prayer: Elder Joseph Hayes

Elder Bill Dillon - Ps. 107:2

Elder James Cooper -

Prayer: Elder J. R. Kosch

**Saturday morning**

Prayer: Elder Fred Williams

Elder Cecil Woodruff - Deut. 32:7-12

Elder Elmer Weaver - Matt. 24:1-5

Elder Gary Cordes - Heb. 11

Elder Kenneth Robbins - Col. 3:1

Prayer: Elder Charles Crapse

**Saturday afternoon**

Prayer: Lic. Jonathan Blakeley
Elder J. R. Kosch - Col.3:17
Elder A. L. Beckett - Luke 1:1
Elder Tony Parker - Gal. 4:22-23
Elder Terrell Harvey - Jer. 20:7
Prayer: Elder Sexton Pope

**Saturday night (Civic Center)**

Prayer: Elder Roy Speir
Elder Julius Sammons - I Cor. 4:15
Elder Kenneth Crawford - Eph. 3:6
Prayer: Elder Rommie Williams

**Saturday night (Union Grove Church)**

Prayer: Elder Larry Austin
Elder Joseph Hayes - Luke 1:1-2
Elder Toliver Utz - Isa. 40:10
Prayer: Brother Lynn Brantley

**Sunday morning**

Prayer: Elder C. A. Blanton
Elder Julius Sammons - Luke 24:50
Elder Toliver Utz- Luke 13:34
Elder Worth Stephenson - Ps. 1:1
Prayer: Elder Joseph Hayes

| CHURCHES | PASTORS |
|---|---|
| Union Grove | Elder Newell Helms |
| Bear Creek | Elder Roy Speir |
| Mountain Creek | Elder Joe C. Helms |
| Lawyer's Spring | Elder Joe C. Helms |
| Crooked Creek | Elder Larry Austin |
| High Point | Elder Roy Speir |
| Meadow Creek | Elder Paul Stroupe |
| Pleasant Hill | Elder Roy Speir |
| High Hill | Elder Newell Helms |
| Park View | Elder E. W. Hooven |
| Liberty Hill | Elder Rom Kerley |
| Pleasant Grove | Elder Joe C. Helms |
| Bethel | Elder Newell Helms |
| Corinth | Elder Richard Kirby |
| Mills Chapel | Elder Rom Kerley |
| New Hope | Elder Rommie Williams |
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| | TOTALS |

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| Communion Sundays | Rec'd. by baptism | Rec'd. by relation | Rec'd. by letter | Restored | Dismissed by letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total membership | Contributions |
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| 2nd Aug | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 154 | $ 600. |
| 2nd Aug | | | | | | | | 25 | 226. |
| 3rd July | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 62 | 660. |
| 1st Aug | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 55 | 350. |
| 4th July | | | | | | | | 28 | 175. |
| 4th May | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 70 | 300. |
| 1st June | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | | 44 | 337. |
| 3rd June | | | | | | | | 41 | 400. |
| 1st Sept | | | | | | | | 73 | 400. |
| 3rd May | 3 | | | | | 1 | | 85 | 375. |
| 1st July | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 87 | 400. |
| 2nd July | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 47 | 300. |
| 4th June | | | | | | 7 | 3 | 80 | 250. |
| 2nd Sept | | | | | | | 1 | 20 | 200. |
| 2nd June | | | | | | | 3 | 54 | 300. |
| 4th Aug | | | | | 2 | | 1 | 11 | 150. |
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# *In Memoriam*

*It is with sincere sorrow that we record the passing of the following loved ones since our last Associational meeting.*

BETHEL: Deacon Aaron McLamb
Brother Troy Faircloth
Sister Carrie Smithwick

CORINTH: Brother Earl Clayton

HIGH POINT: Sister Mary Motsinger

LAWYER'S SPRING: Sister Flonnie Mae Ponds Gaddy

LIBERTY HILL: Sister Rosa Lee Smith

MILLS CHAPEL: Brother James Lee Griffin
Sister Lavonia Stegall
Brother Charlie Stegall

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Deacon Leroy Plowman
Sister Tina Burleson Wilburn

NEW HOPE: Deacon Sam Campbell

PLEASANT GROVE: Sister Ethel Griffin

UNION GROVE: Sister Mary McBride Dula
Sister Loma M. Baucom
Sister Gertrude H. Baucom
Brother Charles Moser

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."*
*Ps. 115:16*

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LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA, (4th weekend, Sept.): Elder Joe Helms, Elder Richard Kirby, Brother Clayton Griffin, Brother Truby High.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA, (lst weekend, Sept.): Elder E.W. Hooven.

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA, (2nd week -end, Sept.): Elder Paul Stroupe.

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY, (2nd weekend, Sept.): Elder Larry Austin.

ORIGINAL POWELL'S VALLEY, (3rd weekend, Aug ): Elder Richard Kirby, Brother Jim Briscoe, Brother Ed Pressley, Brother Truby High, Brother Ken Austin.

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA, (2nd weekend, Sept.) Elder Joe Helms, Brother Truby High.

SOUTH ARKANSAS, (3rd week -end, Sept.): Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder E. W. Hooven was appointed to write the corresponding letter to be approved at our Saturday meeting.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 with the meeting to continue at the Agri-Civic Center.

Prayer by Elder Bill Dillon.

**Saturday, September 16, 1995**

The association met according to adjournment at 9:30 a.m. at the Agri-Civic Center. After prayer by Elder Cary Cordes the business continued as follows:

12. After roll call of the messengers we acknowledged visitors who had arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under items 6 & 7.

13. Called for the report from the finance committee:

Received from the churches..... $5318.00

Received from friends ..... $939.00

Total receipts ..... $6257.00

14. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from other associations as usual.

15. Called for the corresponding letter which was read and approved and ordered embodied in the minutes.

16. Extended invitation for the churches of the association to request 5th Sunday meetings and granted the following:

October 1995. ..... Bear Creek

December 1995 ..... High Hill

March 1996 ..... Liberty Hill

June 1996 ..... Bethel

September 1996 ..... Park View

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to hold the next session of the association with Union Grove Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1996 and that the pastor of that church preach the introductory sermon. The association will meet with Union Grove Church on Friday and at the Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle on Saturday and Sunday.

18. Unanimously agreed to have 1500 copies of the minutes printed and that the clerk superintend same.

19. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that required in item 18 to the ministers present and any other expenses the finance committee may consider to be expedient.

20. Unanimously agreed to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His grace and mercy and to the members and friends of Pleasant Grove Church for their labors during this meeting. We, also, wish to express our thanks to Mr. Leon Warren, manager of the Agri-Civic Center for his tireless assistance.

Prayer by Elder Coy Brothers

Elder Joe C. Helms, moderator

Clayton Griffin, clerk

Ken Austin, assistant clerk

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

RECEIPTS:

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| Received from the churches ..... | $5318.00 |
| Received from friends ..... | $ 939.00 |
| Total receipts ..... | $6257.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Printing minutes and other clerk's expenses..... | $ 750.00 |
| Ministers and miscellaneous expenses ..... | $5507.00 |
| Total disbursements ..... | $6257.00 |

## LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BEAR CREEK: On Canton Rd., just west of Millingport Rd., approximately 6 miles west of Albemarle, NC.

BETHEL: Four miles northwest of Calabash, NC, 1/4 mile north of Hickman's Crossroads.

CORINTH: South Sims Street, King's Mountain, NC, 3 blocks off Highway 74.

CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, NC.

HIGH HILL: 2225 Concord Ave., Monroe, NC (Between Hwy,. 74 and Hwy. 601).

HIGH POINT: 209 Rock Springs Road, 1 block off the 1500 block of North Main Street, High Point, NC.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, NC.

LIBERTY HILL: Ten miles west of Albemarle, NC on Highway 27 near Red Cross.

MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road between Highway 27 West and Highway 200 North near Locust, NC.

MILLS CHAPEL: On China Grove Road just off Lane Street between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, NC.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Five miles north of Albemarle, NC on Mountain Creek Church Road.

NEW HOPE: Nine miles east of Columbia, SC just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Rd.

PARK VIEW: 3209 Ridgewood Rd., .4 mile south of Hwy. 311 in Winston-Salem , NC.

PLEASANT GROVE: 3 1/2 miles north of Marshville, NC, approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on Lawyers Road.

PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, NC, south of Asheboro, NC.

UNION GROVE: 3613 Morgan Mill Rd. (Hwy. 200) approximately 4 miles north of Highway 74, Monroe. NC.

# *ARTICLES OF FAITH*

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subject of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

## *RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK*

### PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this association is being held, it is under the authority of the hostess church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the church invites the ministers and messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that church shall be the officers of the association, provided the pastor is a member of the association, and if not, the church shall elect any member of the association to preside as moderator. The church may request the help of any member of another sister church to assist in the business transactions of the association.

3. This association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this association: then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The finance committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the association shall so direct. The body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each church composing this association in the form of a minute.

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